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LIVESTOCK PRICES CONTINUE STRONG WHILE CROP PRICES WERE MIXED

Steers and heifers 500 lbs. and over at mid-April averaged \$77.00 per cwt., up \$4.00 from March and \$3.00 from April 2002. Steer and heifer prices were their highest level since March 2002. **Beef cows** averaged \$39.00 per cwt., up \$3.00 from March while down \$1.00 from a year earlier. Cow prices were their highest in 10 months. **Calves** under 500 pounds averaged \$90.00 per cwt. The mid-April price was up \$4.00 from March and \$1.00 from April 2002. Calf prices were the highest in 13 months.

Prices received for **barrows and gilts** for mid-month averaged \$34.00 per cwt., unchanged from the March price while up \$4.00 from April 2002. **Sows** averaged \$26.00 per cwt. This was up \$2.00 from both March 2003 and April 2002.

The **all milk** price for mid-month was \$11.70 per cwt., down 30 cents from March and \$1.70 from April a year earlier. The April milk price was the lowest in many years and equals the price of June 1991. **Milk cow** price at mid-April was \$1,330.00 per head. This was down \$20.00 from January 2003 and \$320.00 from April 2002.

The **corn** price for mid-April was \$2.50 per bushel, down 8 cents from the previous month while up 51 cents from a year earlier. **Soybean** price was \$6.10 per bushel for mid-month. This was up 27 cents from March and \$1.41 from a year earlier. Prices for soybeans were at their highest since July 1998. **Winter wheat** averaged \$3.00 per bushel. This was down 14 cents from March while up 42 cents from April 2002.

The preliminary **U.S.** All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April was 101, based on 1990-92=100, up two 2 points (2.0 percent) from the March Index. Higher prices for cattle, lettuce, onions, and soybeans more than offset lower prices for tomatoes, broilers, wheat, and hogs. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of strawberries, cattle, oranges, and milk offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and wheat. The preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 7 points (7.4 percent) from April, 2002. Higher prices for cattle, corn, soybeans, and broilers more than offset lower prices for potatoes, dry beans, celery, and lemons.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS -(Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNIT	KENTUCKY			US
		APR 2002	MAR 2003	APR 2003	APR 2003
		Entire Month		Mid-Month <i>a/</i>	
All Corn <i>b/ c/</i>	Bu.	1.99	2.58	2.50	2.35
Soybeans <i>b/</i>	Bu.	4.69	5.83	6.10	5.90
Winter Wheat <i>b/</i>	Bu.	2.58	3.14	3.00	3.17
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	95.00	105.00	105.00	96.20
All Other Hay,	Ton	52.00	61.00	61.00	86.40
All Hogs	Cwt.	29.80	33.60	33.70	33.80
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	30.00	34.00	34.00	34.20
Sows	Cwt.	24.00	24.00	26.00	25.70
All Beef Cattle <i>d/</i>	Cwt.	65.80	64.10	67.90	75.00
Steers & Heifers <i>e/</i>	Cwt.	74.00	73.00	77.00	79.30
Cows	Cwt.	40.00	36.00	39.00	40.10
Calves <i>f/</i>	Cwt.	89.00	86.00	90.00	99.10
Milk Cows <i>g/</i>	Each	1,650.00	-	1,330.00	1,300.00
Milk Wholesale					
All	Cwt.	13.40	12.00	11.70	10.90
Hog-Corn Ratios <i>h/</i>	Bu.	15.0	13.0	13.5	14.4

a/ Preliminary. *b/* Includes contract sales paid during month. *c/* Includes yellow and white corn. *d/* "Steers and heifers" and "cows" combined. *e/* 500 lbs. and over. *f/* Under 500 lbs. *g/* Published only in Jan., Apr., July & Oct. *h/* Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog live weight.

CASH RECEIPTS FROM SALES OF CATTLE & CALVES

The sale of cattle & hogs in **Kentucky** during 2002 resulted in cash receipts of \$479.9 million, down 19 percent from 2001. Cattle marketings were down from 2001 but hog marketings were up. Cash receipts for **cattle and calves** dropped \$93.4 million to \$406.4 million in 2002, a decline of 19 percent from 2001's \$499.8 million. Marketings dropped 9 percent from 630.9 million pounds in 2001 to 573.2 million pounds in 2002. Average prices were down from the previous year for cattle and calves. Cattle averaged \$64.90 per cwt. during 2002 compared with \$71.70 a year ago. Calf prices averaged \$84.90 per cwt., compared with \$96.20 during 2001. **Hog** receipts were \$73.5 million during 2002, down 22 percent from the previous year. Average prices at \$31.00 per cwt. were down \$11.00 per cwt. from 2001. Marketings for 2002 were up 4 percent from the 213.6 million pounds a year ago.

Nationally, cash receipts from marketings of meat animals decreased 10 percent to \$48.0 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 79 percent of this total, hogs and pigs 20 percent, and sheep and lambs 1 percent. Production increased for hogs and pigs, but decreased for both cattle and calves and sheep and lambs. Average prices were down from 2001 levels for cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep while lambs showed an increase. Cash receipts from marketings of **cattle and calves** decreased from \$40.4 billion in 2001 to \$38.0 in 2002, a 6 percent decrease. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 55.9 billion pounds in 2002, up 1 percent from 2001. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle was \$66.50, a decrease of \$4.80 from 2001. For calves, the annual average price decreased \$9.60 to \$96.40. Cash receipts from **hogs and pigs** totaled \$9.6 billion during 2002, down 23 percent from 2001. Marketings increased to 27.3 billion pounds in 2002, up 2 percent from 2001. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight decreased from \$44.30 in 2001 to \$33.40 in 2002. Cash receipts from marketings of **sheep and lambs** in 2002 were \$431 million, up 8 percent from 2001. Marketings increased 2 percent to 652 million pounds. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for sheep decreased from \$34.60 in 2001 to \$28.20 in 2002 while for lambs, the annual average price increased \$7.20 to \$74.10.

MEAT ANIMALS: PRODUCTION & INCOME - KENTUCKY

	2000	2001	2002
CATTLE & CALVES (Thousand Head)			
Beginning Inventory	2,230	2,260	2,300
Calf Crop	1,090	1,080	1,110
Inshipments	160	100	72
Marketings	1,104	1,023	926
Farm Slaughter	6	6	6
Deaths	110	111	120
(Thousand Pounds)			
Production	630,356	622,480	634,099
Marketings	682,130	630,920	573,150
(Dollars Per 100 Pounds)			
Cattle	71.90	71.70	64.90
Calves	96.10	96.20	84.90
(Thousand Dollars)			
Cash Receipts	540,855	499,782	406,414
Gross Income	550,430	509,575	415,052
HOGS & PIGS (Thousand Head)			
Beginning Inventory	460	430	405
Pig Crop	775	797	781
Inshipments	135	117	135
Marketings	884	885	914
Farm Slaughter	6	5	5
Deaths	50	49	32
(Thousand Pounds)			
Production	207,960	206,470	206,900
Marketings	213,655	213,607	223,086
(Dollars Per 100 Pounds)			
All Hogs & Pigs	40.20	42.00	31.00
(Thousand Dollars)			
Cash Receipts	89,614	94,321	73,504
Gross Income	91,552	96,182	74,733

1/December 1 previous year.

KENTUCKY FLOWERS & FOLIAGE PLANTS - 2002

The **Kentucky** 2002 wholesale value of sales of flowers and foliage totaled \$32.9 million, up 4 percent from the revised 2001 value of \$31.5 million. The wholesale value is the value reported by growers with \$100,000 or more in sales of floriculture crops plus calculated wholesale value of sales for growers with sales below \$100,000. Kentucky ranked 29th of the 36 states that conducted a floriculture survey.

Data for Kentucky's potted flowering plants, annual bedding/garden plants (including pots, flats and hanging baskets), herbaceous perennials, foliage plants for indoor and patio use, cut flowers and propagative (unfinished) material was provided by growers with sales of \$100,000 or more. The wholesale value of total bedding/garden plants (\$21.8 million),

potted flowering plants (\$4.62 million) and foliage for indoor or patio use (\$1.81 million) totaled \$28.2 million. The bedding/garden total was made up of two parts, annual bedding/garden plants (16.6 million) and herbaceous perennial plants (\$5.13 million). Due to disclosure restraints, cut flower sales and propagative (unfinished) material were not included in total sales.

The number of floriculture growers in Kentucky with sales of \$10,000 or more totaled 151, down 15 from the 2001 revised number of growers. Total greenhouse cover for the State was 4.82 million square feet, down 4 percent from 2001. Film plastic (single and multiple layer) represented 73 percent, fiberglass and other rigid plastic make up 16 percent and glass made up 11 percent. Shade and temporary cover made up 141,000 square feet.

**POTTED FLOWERS, BEDDING/GARDEN PLANTS, FOLIAGE PLANTS AND CUT FLOWERS
PRODUCED BY KENTUCKY GROWERS WITH SALES OVER \$100,000 - 2002**

Item	Number of Producers	Units	Total Sales	% of Sales at Wholesale	Wholesale Price			Value of all Sales at Wholesale
					Less than 5 inch	5 inch or more	Comb. Sizes	
			(1,000 Units)	(Dollars)			(1,000)	
<u>POTTED FLOWERING PLANTS:</u>								
African Violets <u>1</u> /	3	Pots	17	86			1.18	20
Finished Florist Azaleas <u>1</u> /	11	Pots	16	69			8.42	135
Florist Chrysanthemums <u>1</u> /	11	Pots	102	96			3.04	310
Easter Lilies <u>1</u> /	13	Pots	53	84			4.86	258
Poinsettias	26	Pots	885	84	1.29	3.98		3,240
Florist Roses <u>2</u> /	-	Pots	-	-	-	-		-
Spring Flowering Bulbs	14	Pots	35	74	2.24	5.37		185
Other Flowering Plants	10	Pots	76	95	2.53	6.08		451
<u>HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS:</u>								
Potted Hardy/Garden	37	Pots	1,393	93	0.66	1.75		2,175
Potted Hosta <u>3</u> /	29	Pots	94	73			4.06	381
Other Potted <u>3</u> /	33	Pots	692	75			3.72	2,571
<u>ANNUAL BEDDING/GARDEN PLANTS:</u>								
POTS								
Begonia	23	Pots	159	40	1.44	2.07		243
Geraniums (Cuttings)	50	Pots	683	76	1.49	2.71		1,391
Geraniums (Seed) <u>1</u> /	17	Pots	501	90			1.04	522
New Guinea Impatiens	46	Pots	273	76	1.61	1.74		453
Impatiens	17	Pots	80	64	1.27	1.50		113
Marigold <u>1</u> /	6	Pots	9	23			1.09	10
Pansy/Viola <u>1</u> /	10	Pots	241	72			0.83	201
Petunias	23	Pots	493	75	0.62	1.71		334
Other Flowering and Foliage	30	Pots	1,569	81	1.11	2.17		2,539
Vegetable Type	15	Pots	71	41	1.03	1.43		83
FLATS								
Begonia	41	Flats	120	82	Wholesale Price			894
Geraniums (Cuttings) <u>2</u> /	-	Flats	-	-	7.45			-
Geraniums (Seed)	5	Flats	4	74	10.11			40
New Guinea Impatiens	4	Flats	2	39	13.33			27
Impatiens	44	Flats	134	80	7.67			1,028
Marigold	43	Flats	64	82	7.83			501
Pansy/Viola	45	Flats	180	78	8.10			1,458
Petunias	48	Flats	97	73	8.05			781
Other Flowering and Foliage	45	Flats	366	86	8.14			2,979
Vegetable Type	41	Flats	71	71	7.66			544
HANGING PLANTS								
Begonia	18	Baskets	34	82		5.68		193
Geraniums (Cuttings)	30	Baskets	28	74		7.10		199
Geraniums (Seed) <u>2</u> /	-	Baskets	-	-		-		-
New Guinea Impatiens	28	Baskets	30	75		6.57		197
Impatiens	30	Baskets	61	86		5.03		307
Marigold <u>2</u> /	-	Baskets	-	-		-		-
Petunias	35	Baskets	44	68		5.89		259
Other Flowering	31	Baskets	225	83		5.58		1,256
<u>FOLIAGE PLANTS FOR INDOOR OR PATIO USE:</u>								
Potted Foliage	11	Pots		83				888
Foliage, Hanging	26	Baskets	171	89		5.37		918
<u>CUT FLOWERS: 4/</u>								
<u>PROPAGATIVE (UNFINISHED) FLORICULTURE MATERIAL: 5/</u>								
<u>TOTAL WHOLESALE VALUE: 6/</u>								32,865

1/Pot price is a weighted average of all pots reported to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 2/Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 3/Pot price is a weighted average of all pots (less than 1 gallon, 1 to 2 gallon and 2 gallon and larger) reported to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 4/Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Includes Pompon Chrysanthemums, Iris, Lilies, Snapdragons, Tulips and Other Cut Flowers. 5/Propagative material was confidential. 6/Equivalent wholesale value of all sales (operations under \$100,000 in sales estimated).

UNITED STATES FLOWERS & FOLIAGE PLANTS - 2002

The 2002 wholesale value of floriculture crops for the U.S. was up 2 percent from the revised 2001 valuation. The total crop value at wholesale for all growers with \$10,000 or more in sales was estimated at \$4.88 billion for 2002, compared with \$4.80 billion for 2001. California was again the leading State with crops valued at \$962 million, down 4 percent from the previous year. Florida was up 4 percent from 2001 with \$877 million in wholesale value. These two States accounted for 38 percent of the total value. The top five States, California, Florida, Michigan, Texas, and Ohio, accounted for \$2.62 billion, 54 percent of the total value.

The total wholesale value of floriculture crops grown by operations exceeding the \$100,000 sales level reached \$4.62 billion in 2002, up 3 percent from the revised 2001 total. These operations, which comprised 45 percent of all growers, accounted for 95 percent of the total value of floriculture crops. Bedding and garden plants wholesale value, at \$2.28 billion, was the largest contributor to the value of production, up 5 percent from the previous year. Potted flowering plants value, at \$822 million was virtually unchanged from 2001. The foliage category was valued at \$663

million for 2002. This was up 2 percent from the revised 2001 estimate. Value of cut flowers, at \$410 million, was down 2 percent, while cut cultivated greens, at \$111 million, was down 1 percent from 2001.

The number of growers with \$10,000 or more in sales totaled 10,216 in 2002, was down 8 percent compared with the 2001 revised count of 11,081. The number of growers with sales of \$100,000 or more dropped to 4,612 for 2002 from 4,738 in 2001. The different size-groups experienced mixed results. Number of operations reporting sales in the \$20,000 to \$49,999 size group increased while all other size groups decreased. Total covered area for floriculture crop production was recorded at 911 million square feet, 1 percent less than the revised 2001 estimate. Greenhouse space for 2002 accounted for 58 percent of the total covered area with 531 million square feet, virtually unchanged from 2001. The average number of hired workers employed on operations in 2002 was 15.3, up from a revised 14.6 in 2001. A total of 8,106 operations hired workers during 2002, compared with 8,664 a year earlier. Overall, 79 percent of the operations used some hired labor during 2002, compared to 78 percent in 2001.

2002 ANNUAL MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION & INCOME

Milk production in Kentucky during 2002 totaled 1.61 billion pounds, down from the 1.66 billion pounds in 2001. Production per cow averaged 13,230 pounds, up 261 pounds from 2001. An average of 122,000 milk cows were on Kentucky farms during 2002, down 6,000 from the previous year. Producers sold 1.58 billion pounds of milk to plants during 2002. Thirty-four million pounds were used on farms as milk, cream and butter, or fed to calves and other livestock. Milk sold to plants averaged \$13.20 per cwt. in 2002 compared with \$16.20 per cwt. in 2001. Receipts to producers totaled \$209 million for 2002, down 21 percent from 2001.

U.S. milk production increased 3 percent in 2002 to 170 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 18,571 pounds, was 412 pounds above 2001. The annual average number of milk cows on farms, at 9.14 million head, was 27,000 head more than 2001. Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2002, at \$20.5 billion, was 17 percent below 2001. Producer returns averaged \$12.19 per hundredweight, 19 percent below 2001. Marketings totaled 169 billion pounds, 3 percent above 2001. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers. An estimated 1.14 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 6 percent less than 2001. Calves were fed 86 percent of this milk with the remainder consumed in producer households.

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